THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) PFC has not received any proposal for financial assistance for lease for any project in the National Capital Region for Government of Delhi / DVB.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Transmission Capacity of AIR in West Bengal

3700. SHRI MEHBOOB ZAHEDI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the transmission capacity of different Akashwani Kendras in West Bengal;

(b) the amount disbursed for the development and modernisation of these Kendras during each of the last three years;

(c) the reasons for keeping some Kendras just as a relay station;

(d) whether all infrastructural facilities and equipments required for the broadcasting of other programmes are available at these Kendras;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the time by which it is likely to be provided; and

(g) the time by which the remaining stations are to be made regular Akashwani Kendras?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) The statement-I indicating the details is enclosed herewith.

(b) The statement-II indicating the details is enclosed herewith.

(c) All the four All India Radio Stations are fulfledged Stations. In addition, there is Transmitter Complex at Chinsurah (Mogra) for External Services.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. All the four Kendras are have studios with programme production, playback and receiving facilities.

(f) and (g) Do not arise.

Statement - I

At present four radio stations are functional in the State of West Bengal, as per details below :

1. Calcutta :

(i) 100 KW MW Channel "A"

(ii) 100 KW MW Channel "B"

(iii) 20 KW MW Channel "C" (Vividh Bharati)

(iv) 10 KW MW Yuv Vani

(v) 50 KW SW Transmitter

(vi) 10 KW FM Transmitter (Stereo)

2. Kurseong 20 KW SW Transmitter

3. Siliguri 200 KW MW Transmitter

4. Murshidabad 6 KW FM Transmitter

Statement - II

The details of expenditure incurred on modernization/ development and also on operation and maintenance during each development and also on operation and maintenance during each of the last three years are given below :

(Figures in lakhs of Rupees)

Year	Development (Capital)	Operation & Maintenance (Revenue)
Calcutta :		
1994-95	181.97	516.54
1995-96	125.51	584.33
1996-97	82.45	650.37
Kurseong :		
1994-95	55.08	87.40
1995-96	12.37	103.07
1996-97	—	102.93
Siliguri :		
1994-95	15.58	70.03
1995-96	1.95	83.52
1996-97	40.20	138.57
Murshidabad :		
1994-95	—	22.03
1995-96	—	21.90
1996-97	—	28.56

Implantation of Lifting Barriers

3701. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of lifting barriers implanted throughout the country across the level crossing during the last three years, zone-wise;

(b) the amount spent thereon during above period;

(c) whether a large number of lifting barriers have not been functioning in different parts of the country;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures taken to make these barriers operational?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) No. of lifting barriers implanted throughout the country across level crossing during last three years and amount spent zone-wise is given below :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Number	Amount Spent	
CR	81	105.09 lakhs
ER	9	33.89 lakhs
NR	82	139.95 lakhs
NER	235	263.25 lakhs
NFR	10	23.27 lakhs
SR	123	183.10 lakhs
SCR	98	136.95 lakhs
SER	0	00
WR	45	71.00 lakhs
Total	683	956.50 lakhs

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise

Post Offices in H.P. and J & K

3702. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Branch Post Offices sanctioned and opened during 1995-96 and 1996-97 in the States of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir, district-wise;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats in Jammu and Kashmir, which do not have Branch Post Offices, District-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide postal facilities in Gram Panchayats in the State?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) (a) The number of Branch Post Offices sanctioned and opened in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir in 1995-96 is nil and in 1996-97 district-wise as under:

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Branch Post Offices sanctioned	No. of Branch Post Offices opened
	HIMACHAL PRADESH :		
1.	Hamirpur	2	2
2.	Kullu	1	1
3.	Kangra	7	7
4.	Lahul & Spiti	2	2
5.	Mandi	7	7
6.	Shimla	2	2
7.	Solan	1	1
8.	Sirmour	1	1
	JAMMU & KASHMIR : NIL		

(b) No. of Gram Panchayats which do not have post offices district-wise is as under :

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Gram Panchayats
1.	Anantnag	9
2.	Badgam	14
3.	Baramulla	13
4.	Doda	2
5.	Jammu	106
6.	Kargil	13
7.	Kathua	5
8.	Leh	13
9.	Kupwara	21
10.	Poonch	15
11.	Pulwama	4
12.	Rajouri	12
13.	Srinagar	12
14.	Udhampur	7
	Total :	246